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To: MN, HealthReform (COMM)  
Subject: Strategy Element #9

Dear Governor's Health Reform Task Force,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the draft version of Roadmap to a Healthier Minnesota. My name is Norm Graff and I am an CRNA residing and practicing in Minnesota. I am writing to convey my full support of Strategy Element #9 that refers to removing barriers to the advancement of the nurse workforce.

In particular, enacting the APRN Consensus Model Act and Rules in Minnesota is vital to ensuring that Minnesota's citizens have adequate access to health care and choice of health care providers. More than two decades of research and the 2010 IOM report on nursing underscore that APRNs deliver safe, high quality, cost-effective health care. We need to remove current barriers so APRNs can practice to the fullest extent of their education and training. I encourage you to retain this important provision in the final report.

Sincerely yours, Norm Graff  
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